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1. EGYPTIAN OUTRAGE OVER THE RECENT SOVIET STATEMENT
CONTINUES UNABATED:

2. PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELD
LENGTHLY DEBATE ON SUBJECT, APRIL 3, DURING WHICH SOVIET
STATEMENT WAS ROUNDLY CONDEMNED AS INTERFERENCE IN
EGYPT'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND A BLATANT EFFORT TO
SOW DISSENSION BETWEEN EGYPTIAN POPULACE AND
COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP. ABROGATION OF TREATY WAS CALLED
NATURAL OUTCOME OF SUCH UNFRIENDLY SOVIET
ATTITUDES AS REFUSAL TO SUPPLY ARMS OR SPARE
PARTS, REFUSAL TO RESCHEDULE DEBT AND
PERMITTING EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL.
FORMAL COMMUNIQUE IS TO BE ISSUED TODAY ON RESULT OF DEBATE.

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3. EGYPTIAN LABOR HAS ALSO BEEN BROUGHT

INTO THE DENUNCIATORY CAMPAIN. ACCORDING TO PRESS, GENERAL UNION OF EGYPT'S WORKERS IS CONDUCTING SERIES OF MEETINGS TO CONSIDER SCOPE OF SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD EGYPT AND ITS PEOPLE AND TO DEFINE THE ATTITUDE OF THE WORKING CLASS. THOUSANDS OF MESSAGES REPORTEDLY RECEIVED FROM TRADE UNION COMMITTEES AND WORKERS CONDEMNING SOVIET "CAMPAIGN OF FALLACIES" AGAINST EGYPT AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S ACTION IN ABROGATING TREATY. UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS EXPECTED ISSUE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT TODAY.

4. FINALLY, NEW RIGHTIST SOCIALIST LIBERALS ORGANIZATION (SLO) IN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, BELYING ITS ACRONYM AND NOT WANTING TO BE OUTDONE, ISSUED STATEMENT, APRIL 3, THAT ABROGATION OF TREATY WAS A NATURAL AND INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF USSR BEHAVIOR, WHICH HAD MADE THE TREATY A MEANINGLESS DOCUMENT. SLO STATEMENT CRITICIZED SOVIET (A) REFUSAL TO RESCHEDULE DEBTS (B) ABIDE BY PREVIOUSLY AGREED ARMS COMMITMENTS AND THEREBY WEAKENING ARMED FORCES ABILITY TO COPE WITH ISRAELI AGGRESSION (C) ATTEMPT TO CAST DOUBTS ABOUT MAY RECTIFICATION AND OPEN DOOR POLICY AS DEVIATING FROM JULY, 1952 REVOLUTION AND SOCIALIST LINE. STATEMENT CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING SLO FULL SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S POLICY OF GETTING US TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT.

5. COMMENT: WE MAY EXPECT MORE OF THE ABOVE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. CAMPGAIN IS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT SADAT IN FACE OF WHAT IS BEING INCREASINGLY DEPICTED AS SOVIET PERFEITY.
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